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HAD TOLD HIM HE HAD JUST BEEN CONFERRING WITH PARIS
REPS, AND WHILE THEY NOT ANTI-PATHETIC US POSITION,
THEY FEEL INSUFFICIENTLY CONSULTED. IN PARTICULAR, THEIR
GRIPE IS THAT WE DID NOT BACK THEM UP ENOUGH IN UNSC VOTE AND THAT
HAD WE GONE ALL-OUT FOR NIGERIA (AFTER THEY SWITCHED SUPPORT
FROM [REDACTED] 1. THEY WOULD FEEL MORE LIKE HELPING US NOW.

PERSONALLY SUGGESTED THAT MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT KENNEDY TO [] CHIEFS STATE OR AT LEAST TO [] WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL, PARTICULARLY IF WE CHECKED MESSAGE FIRST WITH [] SO THEY COULD SUPPORT IT.

EMBASSY SUGGESTS DEPT MAY WISH GIVE SEPARATE TREATMENT STATES RATHER THAN JUST INCLUDING THEM IN OVERALL AFRICAN BRIEFINGS. OTHERWISE, SIGNS INDICATE THEY MIGHT ABSTAIN IN UNGA VOTE RATHER THAN SUPPORT US. THEY MAY ALSO BE LABORING UNDER SOME MISAPPREHENSION REGARDING OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD VOTE IN NIGERIA FOR UNSC.

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